

Word of God Lutheran Church  
Grow • Build • Serve



Our Mission:  
With God's help we are called to be a  
multi-generational traditional church, grounded in  
the Bible and focused on service in the community  
and mission outreach.

**Third Sunday after the Epiphany**  
**January 21, 2024**

**ORDER OF SERVICE**  
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Advent • Christmas • **Epiphany** • Lent • Easter • Pentecost  
*Please refer to the blue With One Voice hymnal for service.*

**ENTRANCE RITE**

Announcements

Prelude

Call to worship chime

- \* Brief Order of Confession and Forgiveness .....WOV 10
- \* Entrance Hymn "**He Leadeth Me: Oh, Blessed Thought!**" .....LBW 501
- \* Greeting .....WOV 28
- \* Hymn of Praise .....WOV 29
- \* The Lord be with you .....WOV 30
- \* Prayer of the Day

**PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

First Reading .....Jonah 3:1-5, 10

Psalm (*Read Responsively*) .....Psalm 62

Second Reading .....1 Corinthians 7:29-35

\* Alleluia Verse .....WOV 31

\* Gospel .....Mark 1:14-20

Children's Sermon

Sermon

- \* Hymn of the Day "**I, the Lord of Sea and Sky**" .....WOV 752
- \* Apostles' Creed .....WOV 33
- \* Prayers .....WOV 34
- \* Share the Peace .....WOV 34

**SHARING OF THE SACRAMENTAL MEAL**

Offering

Offertory .....WOV 35

\* Offertory Prayer .....WOV 35

\* Great Thanksgiving .....WOV 36

\* Holy, Holy, Holy .....WOV 36

\* Words of Institution .....WOV 37

\* The Lord's Prayer .....WOV 39

"Lamb of God" .....WOV 39

† Communion

\* Blessing .....WOV 40

\* Canticle "Thankful Hearts" .....WOV 40

\* Prayer, Blessing, Dismissal .....WOV 41

\* Closing Hymn "**Lead On, O King Eternal!**" .....LBW 495

\* Sending

\* Please stand as able

† All who are baptized and believe that Jesus is truly present in the bread and wine are invited to receive communion and assurance of God's forgiveness. *Children who have not been instructed in the sacrament should fold their hands to receive a blessing.*

## **Jonah 3:1-5, 10**

1 Then the word of the LORD came to Jonah the second time, saying, <sup>2</sup>“Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and call out against it the message that I tell you.” <sup>3</sup> So Jonah arose and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly great city, three days’ journey in breadth. <sup>4</sup> Jonah began to go into the city, going a day’s journey. And he called out, “Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!” <sup>5</sup> And the people of Nineveh believed God. They called for a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them to the least of them. . . .<sup>10</sup> When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil way, God relented of the disaster that he had said he would do to them, and he did not do it.

## **Psalm 62**

<sup>1</sup> For God alone my soul waits in silence;  
from him comes my salvation.

**<sup>2</sup> He only is my rock and my salvation,  
my fortress;  
I shall not be greatly shaken.**

<sup>3</sup> How long will all of you attack a man to batter him,  
like a leaning wall, a tottering fence?

**<sup>4</sup> They only plan to thrust him down from his high position.  
They take pleasure in falsehood.  
They bless with their mouths,  
but inwardly they curse.**

<sup>5</sup> For God alone, O my soul, wait in silence,  
for my hope is from him.

**<sup>6</sup> He only is my rock and my salvation,  
my fortress;  
I shall not be shaken.**

<sup>7</sup> On God rests my salvation and my glory;  
my mighty rock, my refuge is God.

**<sup>8</sup> Trust in him at all times, O people;  
pour out your heart before him;  
God is a refuge for us.**

<sup>9</sup> Those of low estate are but a breath;  
those of high estate are a delusion;  
in the balances they go up;  
they are together lighter than a breath.

**<sup>10</sup> Put no trust in extortion;  
set no vain hopes on robbery;  
if riches increase, set not your heart on them.**

<sup>11</sup> Once God has spoken;  
twice have I heard this:  
that power belongs to God,

**<sup>12</sup> and that to you, O Lord, belongs steadfast love.  
For you will render to a man  
according to his work.**

### **1 Corinthians 7:29-35**

<sup>29</sup> This is what I mean, brothers: the appointed time has grown very short. From now on, let those who have wives live as though they had none, <sup>30</sup> and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no goods, <sup>31</sup> and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away. <sup>32</sup> I want you to be free from anxieties. The unmarried man is anxious about the things of the Lord, how to please the Lord. <sup>33</sup> But the married man is anxious about worldly things, how to please his wife, <sup>34</sup> and his interests are divided. And the unmarried or betrothed woman is anxious about the things of the Lord, how to be holy in body and spirit. But the married woman is anxious about worldly things, how to please her husband. <sup>35</sup> I say this for your own benefit, not to lay any restraint upon you, but to promote good order and to secure your undivided devotion to the Lord.



### **Mark 1:14-20**

<sup>14</sup> After John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, <sup>15</sup> and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.” <sup>16</sup> Passing alongside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew the brother of Simon casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. <sup>17</sup> And Jesus said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you become fishers of men.” <sup>18</sup> And immediately they left their nets and followed him. <sup>19</sup> And going on a little farther, he saw James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, who were in their boat mending the nets. <sup>20</sup> And immediately he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants and followed him.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- If you are physically unable to come to the altar, **communion** will be brought to you at your seat. Please let your usher know so he /she can tell the Pastor where you are seated.
- **2024 Service Committee members** are Mike Lennon *President*, Linda Satter *Vice President*, Randy Weston *Secretary*, Jim Arnold, Lars Kuhr, Victoria Reece, Max Rietschier, Kent Studnicka, and Joe Bowler, *Treasurer*.
- The next **Crafters' Fellowship Weekend** is Friday, February 2, and Saturday, February 3, beginning at 10 am in the fellowship hall. For more information, please contact Becky Cirillo, Diann Eveland, or Tata Pike. Hope to see you there!
- **All Ministry Teams** could use an extra volunteer or two. Please consider joining a team. Your time and talents are greatly appreciated!
- We will collect last year's **Palm Sunday crosses** to be burned and used for the imposition of ashes on **Ash Wednesday, February 14**, as a reminder that all our prayers are answered and to remember the austerity of Lent. Please return your crosses by *Transfiguration Sunday, February 11*.
- *Reminder*, please make sure the church office has your correct **contact information**.
- There is still room for **volunteers**. For more information concerning all the programs offered by our *Fish STIX Ministry*, please contact Andi Laaker at [wogfishstix@gmail.com](mailto:wogfishstix@gmail.com).
- Our next **RLC Warehouse** service opportunity is Wednesday, February 14, at 9:00 AM, and the **RLC Mobile Food Pantry** will be Thursday, February 15, at 9:00 AM. Please sign up on the bulletin tear-off or contact Sue Burnett at [suegburnett@att.net](mailto:suegburnett@att.net) for more information.
- The next **Midwest Food Bank** distribution will be Tuesday, January 23 (8 AM - 12 PM & 6 PM - 8 PM); Wednesday, January 24 (8 AM - 1:30 PM); and Thursday, January 25 (8 AM - 12 PM). Lunch is provided each day to all volunteers. Contact Joe Bowler at [ltcbowler@gmail.com](mailto:ltcbowler@gmail.com) or sign up on the bulletin tear-off.
- *Unless otherwise indicated, the **weekly announcement submission** deadline for the Sunday bulletin is the previous **Monday** at 11:00 AM. Please send all announcements to [woglutheran@gmail.com](mailto:woglutheran@gmail.com).*

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